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THE COVER: View of the Duluth Street Ry. Co. yard; office and carbarn on West Superior Street about 1910. Reposing in the noon-day sun are early 2 & 3 window single-truck electrics and several of the then new TCRT Snelling-built standard cars. Today the cars are all gone except one\*; the shops and offices also remain, witness to the present day snarl of diesel bus engines winding-up in the now trackless car-yard.

\* See back cover for details.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CALL

The annual membership meeting of the Minnesota Transportation Museum has been set for 8 p.m. Sunday, January 16th, 1972 at the historic Griggs-Livingston Mansion on Summit Avenue in St. Paul. An interesting and informative program on the Museum's progress during 1971 and its plans for '72 is scheduled. In addition, a highly colorful "slide tour" of the Cumbres & Toltec Narrow-Gauge Railway in the Rockies is planned. Members are urged to attend this first meeting of the '72 season.

### COMO-HARRIET STREETCAR LINE WORK CONTINUES UNABATED

The restoration work at Harriet continues even as old #1300 is tucked away for her long winters sleep following a most successful opening season. MTM crews have begun or completed several vital projects:

- repair and painting of original, existing R.O.W. structures/railings at 42nd street.
- further ballast and aligning of track
- installation of carhouse work area
- installation of drainage conduit system in carhouse area and at 42nd St.
- carhouse wiring and lighting system completed
- new reinforced locks for the carhouse
- survey work for the new North main line to Wm. Berry Bridge

.....a considerable work achievement!!! A tangible Kudo goes to the dedicated crews of MTM members who completed this year's effort under the direction of Messrs. Isaacs, Pinske, Podas, Stein, Norman, Martin, Anderson, R. Olson, Renz, Lindberg, Heiderich, Sandberg and Dumas -- our most able foremen!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: John Larkin, 5305 W. Highwood Drive, Edina;  
Ronald Degraw, Apt. 22B the Plaza, 18th & Parkway,  
Philadelphia, Pa.; R. Michael Schultze, 101 Valley View Place, Mpls.

### A SECOND CAR FOR HARRIET? -Humble beginnings at Rosemount Shops

MTM is again on the move! On Saturday, November 20th, a special Museum work force transferred the MTM's set of TC#7 electric traction trucks (originally salvaged from TCRT Mpls. powerplant Loco #20 - see Feb. 1971 issue of the "Gazette") from dead storage at Inver Grove to the Rosemount, Minnesota shop facility. And on Thursday, December 9th, Historic Duluth single-truck car #78 was moved from the Port city to Rosemount. (See back cover for more details)



In the coming months additional, related electric equipment, i.e. controllers, resistors, a compressor etc. will also be transferred from the Harriet carhouse to Rosemount.

Behind this new bustle of activity is a long-held Museum dream - a second, backup car for Harriet. At Rosemount, work can gradually commence toward this goal with repair, rebuilding, rewiring, testing, painting of equipment etc. as is required. Though long-range in nature, all of this is in anticipation of a possible "new" old car or two for the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line.

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In advance of the MTM annual meeting, the report of the Nominating Committee is herewith presented for consideration of the membership. The following are nominated as officers of MTM for 1972 as indicated;

- President: John Stein
- Executive Vice President: George Isaacs
- Secretary: John Diers
- Treasurer: Russ Olson
- Vice President-Public Relations: Paul Joyce
- Vice President-Operations: Robert Renz
- Vice President-Traffic: Frank Sandberg
- Vice President-Publications: Richard Francaviglia

During the meeting full members will eligible to vote, and/or able to recommend, amend, or supplement this slate from the floor. Nominating Committee members were Charles McCarthy, Cy Svobodny and James Fuller.

#### A NEW HOME FOR #353

As we go to press, plans have been finalized for the formal transfer of ex-Koppers O-6-O #353 from MTM to the "Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion" group - a sister member-affiliate of MTM at Rollag, Minnesota. An early restoration of #353 is planned, under the direction of John A. Cogswell (888-1830). Interested members may inquire. More about #353 in the next issue of the 'Minnegazette'.

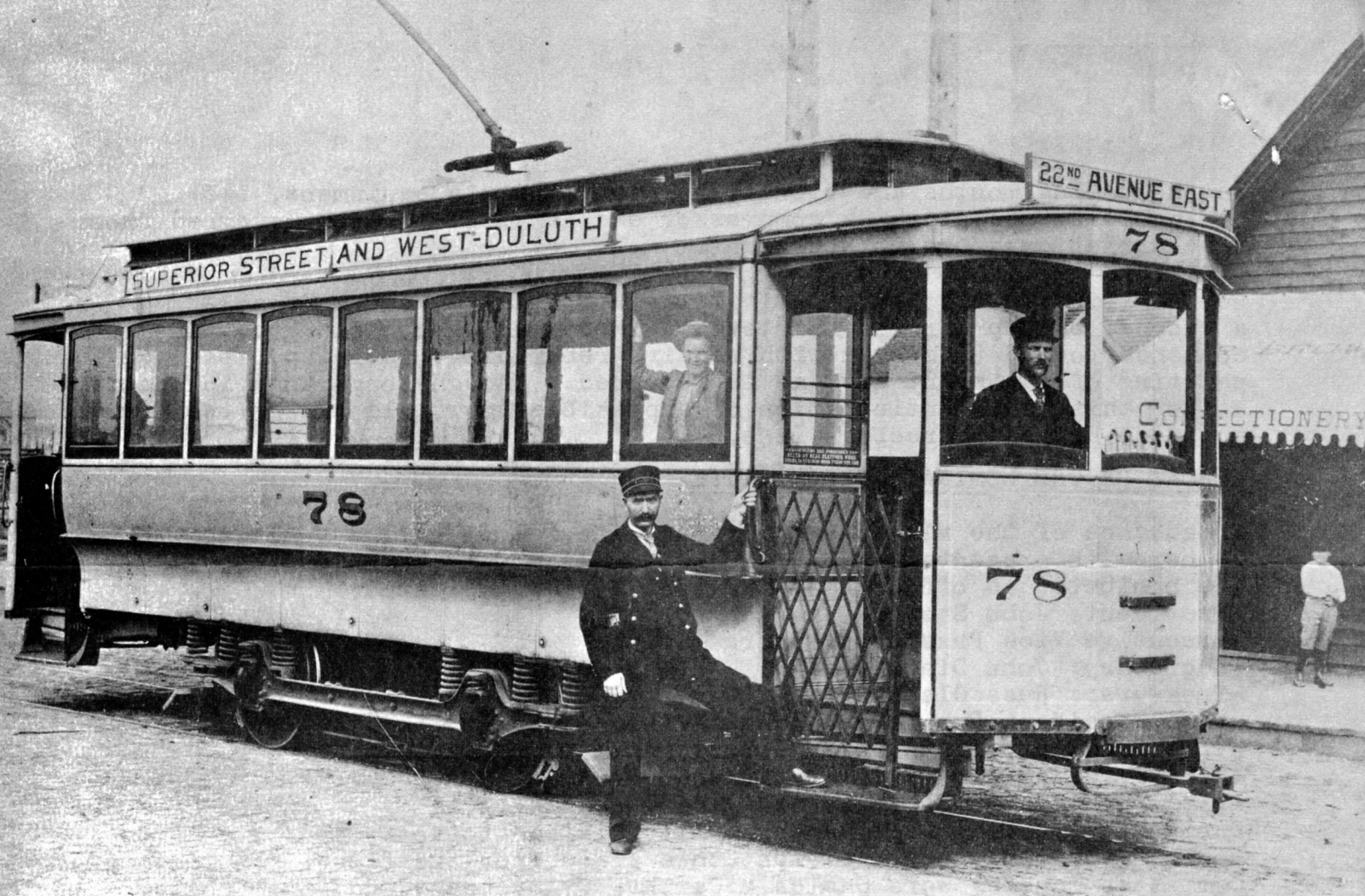
#### RESTORATION PROCEEDING ON DAN PATCH #100

-A three-man MTM task-force consisting of members Scott Heiderich, Art Fjone and Bob Renz have begun preliminary work efforts on MTM's venerable Dan Patch diesel-electric locomotive #100. Aside from minor clean-up, the main thrust of these activities has been centered around #100's main diesel power plant and satellite gasoline starter engine - the latter of which was greatly in need of overhaul. This work has now been initiated and should be largely completed by the spring of 1972.

While #100 was in reasonably good condition when first acquired by MTM, future Museum plans call for restoration to full operating condition and the original colors of the old DAN PATCH LINE.

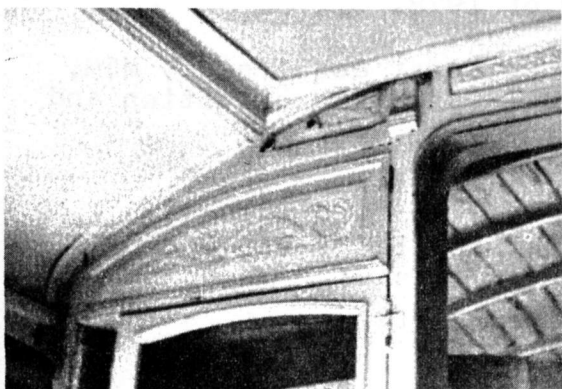
#### IN COMING ISSUES

-The Cable cars of old St. Paul; -Harriet North Line Plans for Spring of 1972; The Mid-Winter outing of "1300".



Presenting MTM's latest vintage acquisition - Duluth Electric Car #78 - undoubtedly the oldest transit vehicle existing in the State of Minnesota. Delivered by LaClede Car Co. in October 1893, the old curved-side single-tracker is shown here both on-line in its heyday (it remained in service until 1911) and as it appears today - "a diamond in the rough." Considering its years #78 is remarkably preserved. It is worthy of note that this same type car opened electric service on the Como-Harriet line back in 1891.

EPILOGUE: Thanks to the long-suffering efforts of Mssrs; Wayne Olsen, Barney Olsen, Bill Olson, Bob Renz, and Scott Heiderich and many others, Duluth #78 has now been preserved, moved to the Rosemont shop. Watch for later details.





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